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PROGRESSIVE LOSSLESS VIDEO DECODING  
APPARATUS, PROGRESSIVE LOSSLESS VIDEO  
CODING PROGRAM, PROGRESSIVE LOSSLESS  
VIDEO DECODING PROGRAM, AND RECORDING  
MEDIA OF PROGRESSIVE LOSSLESS VIDEO  
CODING PROGRAM AND PROGRESSIVE  
LOSSLESS VIDEO DECODING PROGRAM

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.